## **ABSTRACT**

A substrate is patterned by forming an indent region 8 in the surface 10 of a substrate 4 and depositing a liquid material onto the surface 10 at selected locations adjacent to the indent region 8. The liquid material spreads over the surface to an edge of the indent region, at which point further spreading is controlled by the effective enhancement of the contact angle of the liquid material relative to the surface as provided by the indent region.

Fig. 3b